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SUBJ: LEBANESE MINISTER COMDEMNS PALESTINIANS

1. IN SEPT 10 INTERVIEW WITH MALAGA DAILY, LEBANESE JUSTICE MINISTER KAZEM EL KHALIL, WHO RECUPERATING IN CLINIC IN MARBELLA, QUOTED AS STATING THAT "PALESTINIANS MUST LEAVE MY COUNTRY AND RETURN HOME." HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT "IT IS NOT GOOD FOR A SMALL COUNTRY TO BE OCCUPIED BY PALESTINIANS WHO DON'T THINK AS WE DO AND FOR WHOSE PRESENCE WE MUST PAY CONSEQUENCES." HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT "THE LEBANESE BELIEVE THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITH ISRAEL, THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE, AND TO GO TO WAR ONLY AFTER ALL REMEDIES EXHAUSTED." "BUT THE PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON," HE ADDED, "WANT ONLY VIOLENCE AND USE TERRORISM AND DEATH, WITH OUR OWN INNOCENT PEOPLE AT TIME HAVING TO PAY THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR PRESENCE ON OUR SOIL."

2. STATEMENT RELEASED BY LEBANESE EMBASSY MADRID AND CARRIED IN MAJOR DAILIES SEPT 11 STATED THAT DECLARATION ATTRIBUTED TO LEBANESE MINISTER HAS NO BASIS. NOTE CLAIMED THAT "EL KHALIL BELIEVES, AS DO ALL LEBANESE, THAT PALESTINE PEOPLE ARE BROTHERS AND FRIENDS THAT

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